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SUBJECT: 59TH ECOSOC: ITEM NO. 3, GENERAL DEBATE

FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES STATEMENTS MADE IN ECOSOC PLENARY A.M.
JULY 7 BY UNESCO DG M'BOW AND REPS OF NORWAY, INDIA, AND DENMARK:

1. UNESCO DG M'BOW RECITED NUMBER OF TRADITIONAL UNESCO CONCERNS, INCLUDING NEEDS FOR ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT IN SOCIAL SECTORS TO GIVE ALL MEN THE "HUMAN RIGHTS" OF EDUCATION, INFORMATION AND CULTURE; IN FOREGOING CALLED FOR EXAMINATION OF POSSIBILITY OF CREATING NEW FUND WITHIN UN TO MEET NEEDS OF POORER COUNTRIES, SERVING AS

A "CORRECTIVE" TO HEAVY RESOURCE FLOWS TO RICHER LDCS; NOTED THERE WILL BE 820 MILLION ILLITERATES BY 1980 AND THAT MEANS AVAILABLE TO DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM ARE "RIDICULOUS"; AND STRESSED NEED TO CREATE BASES WITHIN LDCS FOR INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

CAPABILITIES. THERE WAS VERY LITTLE THAT WAS NEW OR NOTEWORTHY IN ANY OF THIS. HIS REMARKS ON THE EXPERT GROUP REPORT ON RESTRUCTURING WERE MUCH MORE INTERESTING SINCE HE WENT FURTHER IN CRITICIZING THE REPORT THAN BOERMA OF FAO OR OTHER AGENCY HEADS WHO SPOKE EARLIER. HIS MAIN CRITICISMS WERE THAT GROUP HAD FAILED TO CON-
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SULT SPECIALIZED AGENCIES; THAT UN SECRETARIAT MIGHT COME TO BE

A "SCREEN" BETWEEN ECOSCO AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, THAT HE WAS "AMAZED" THAT ANYONE SHOULD THINK THAT OUTSIDE CONTRACTORS COULD IMPLEMENT OPERATING PROJECTS MORE CHEAPLY THAN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, AND THAT HE WAS "SURPRISED" THAT GROUP HAD FELT IT NECESSARY TO PROPOSE CREATION OF NEW INSTITUTIONS IN FIELD OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ESPECIALLY A NEW SCIENCE ADVISER TO SYG, SINCE UNESCO AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES ALREADY DOING THIS WORK AS WELL AS POSSIBLE.

2. NORWEGIAN DEL CALLED FOR END TO GENERAL DECLARATIONS AND ASKED COUNCIL TO GET DOWN TO HARD BARGAINING, IN A SERIES OF INFORMAL CONSULTATION. HE SAID THIS NEEDED TO REACH CONSENSUS ON LIMITED NUMBER OF HIGH PRIORITY ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED IN SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION. HE ALSO MADE DEFENSE OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY STATING THAT WHILE IT NEEDS REVISION, IT IS STILL VALUABLE INSTRUMENT WHICH HAS NOT BEEN MADE SUPERFLOURUS BY NIEO AND CERDS DOCUMENTS. HE SAID NORWAY ACCEPTS PROPOSALS OF G-77 FOR REVISION OF IDS AS A BASIS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND ALSO HAS NO DIFFICULTY WITH G-77 OBJECTIVES OUTLINED IN CRP-1. ON QUESTION OF RESOURCE TRANSFERS HE SAID NORWAY AGREES THERE IS NEED TO FIND "MORE AUTOMATIC WAYS" TO TRANSFER RESOURCES GIVEN FACT OF "FLUCTUATING POLITICAL WILL" IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

3. INDIAN DEL MADE FOLLOWING POINTS: PREPARATIONS FOR SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OR FOR REVIEW AND APPRAISAL MUST BE BASED ON PREMISES OF INTERDEPENDENCE, COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY, FURTHER DEMOCRATIZING INTERNATIONAL DECISION-MAKING, AND AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TOWARD PROBLEM SOLVING. SINCE OECD MEMBER COUNTRIES CONTROL MOST OF WORLD TRADE AND FINANCIAL RESERVES, THEY ARE THE ONES WHO MUST UNDERTAKE TO CHANGE EXISTING ECONOMIC SYSTEM. OPEC MEMBERS ARE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH NEED THEIR NEWLY ACQUIRED LIQUIDITY FOR THEIR OWN DEVELOPMENT. OPEC SHOULD NOT BE BLAMED FOR CAUSING GLOBAL INFLATION. THE PRESENT ECONOMIC SITUATION OF THE WORLD CANNOT BE LIKENED TO A VIRAL INFECTION NEEDING ANTIBIOTICS BUT TO A CANCER NEEDING SURGERY. HOWEVER, LDCS ARE NOT ASKING FOR REDISTRIBUTION OF EXISTING WEALTH "BUT ONLY A RIGHT TO SHARE IN FUTURE GROWTH". WHILE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION WILL NOT HAVE TIME OR TECHNICAL COMPETENCE TO REACH DETAILED AGREEMENT, IT MUST NONETHELESS UNCLASSIFIED

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ISSUE CLEAR CALL CONFIRMING EXISTENCE OF POLITICAL WILL TO AGREE ON BROAD OUTLINES OF NEW ECONOMIC STRUCTURE.

4. DANISH DEL STATED DENMARK WHICH ATTAINED .54 PERCENT ODA TARGET IN 1974 STILL PLANNING REACH .7 PERCENT TARGET BY 1980 DESPITE SEVERE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES IT HAS BEEN EXPERIENCING. WHILE IDS TARGETS HAVE NOT BEEN MET, STRATEGY IS NOT A FAILURE BUT ONLY NEEDS TO BE UPDATED. FOR SECOND HALD OF DD II,

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON ASSISTING 24 COUNTRIES HAVING 45 PERCENT OF WORLD'S PEOPLE BUT LESS THAN TWO PERCENT ANNUAL GNP GROWTH RATE. WITH REGARD TO PREPARATION FOR SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION, DANISH DEL REITERATED COUNCIL PRESIDENT AKHUND'S CALL FOR ACTION ON DEFINING THE ELEMENTS, THE PRINCIPLES, AND THE FORA FOR FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS. HE SAID DENMARK STILL STUDYING EXPERT GROUP REPORT ON RESTRUCTURING BUT HAS FAVORABLE PRELIMINARY REACTIONS TO THE REPORT AND HOPES FOR ADOPTION OF SOME RECOMMENDATIONS AS EARLY AS SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION AND OTHERS AT THE 30TH GA. DALE

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